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MONDAY, OCTOBER 31.

A new industry has developed in Bennington in this year of great scarcity of apples in this section of the state. Just over the mountain range to the east on the uplands of Windham county there is an abundant crop of apples, largely on farms not in the highest state of cultivation. These Windham county apples are prime for cider making and at Bennington is a cider mill where depression is unknown. The new industry referred to above is the importation of sweet cider from Windham into Bennington. Most of it is peddled out in small quantities so that our valiant temperance advocates do not need to worry. What The Banner wants to suggest is that we place a custom house on top of Woodford mountain and collect revenue sufficient to keep the road in good condition.

The meeting of the Greater Vermont Association at Rutland last week evoked a variety of comment from the press and public. As The Banner remembers the call, the meeting was planned for the purpose of doing something to stop the rapid increase of state expenses and to limit the growing tax rate. Actually the meeting went on record in favor of greater effort in road building involving increased expenditure, endorsing the program of the state department of agriculture which means a continuation of the new \$200,000 annual appropriation for the eradication of bovine tuberculosis, and favoring plans for improving the schools even if it costs more money. The only step looking toward retrenchment was to approve the demand of State Auditor Gates for a better budget system, which will not in itself limit or reduce expenses but is calculated to bring the issue of spending money from the state treasury before the legislature and public in a form where it may be better studied and understood. Such an outcome of the meeting was doubtless to be expected for the men who attend such a meeting are sure to be those most keenly interested in some one or more of the state activities and they are not disposed to sit idly by and see their own particular hobby choked by lack of financial nourishment, even if they have to join in backing up other expense accounts so as not to endanger their own choice.

Both employer and employee must be bound by the decisions of the Court of Industrial Relations in Kansas, according to a decision just made by the Kansas Supreme court. What brings the meaning of this statement home to the mass of the people, however, is the accompanying declaration that the wages paid to the employees of the meat packers are a matter of public concern while "the determination of the sufficiency of such wages is a question affected with a public interest." There has been a pretty general belief to this effect for a long time, remarks the Christian Science Monitor, but the court decision is to be welcomed as giving this view a definite status in law.

Canada has not the developed resources of the United States, nor her extensive and well-oiled machinery for carrying on commercial exchange, says the Detroit News. But she does possess an alertness and enterprise which will carry her a long way, and the time may come when the United States will find the northern neighbor a busy, but always friendly, competitor in the market which is particularly inviting to the business men of this country.

Pennsylvania police arrested a man on the charge of attempted arson, having illegal possession of two stills, defrauding the United States treasury, having unlawful possession of mash, and possession of two gallons of moonshine liquor. Oh, yes; he is charged also with disorderly conduct.

To the suppressors of soap-box oratory: Don't forget that free and unimpeded speech relieves the internal oppression of unevenly fermented ideas, which the patient imagines is oppression from outside. It is humane, as well as constitutional, to let 'em rave.

As a rule, however, a pessimist will do more work with his hands than the optimist will, for it's no use to be an optimist unless you spend about two-thirds of your time handing it out vocally.

A scientist claims that everybody has an etheric double. This rather fits into the view of many who have felt all along that the fellow who makes the retail prices of meat must have some help.

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The Devil asked a man who was trying to take the Poor Sinner's oath, if he carried any life insurance for the protection of his family. "No, I didn't have time," well, you will have time to burn here." An immortal excuse will not pardon an immortal offense. National Life Ins. Co., of Vt. (Mutual). Earle S. Kinsey, General Agent, Mead Building, Rutland, Vt. —Advertisement.

In spite of the tendency to approve of larger expenditures, the Rutland meeting was a useful gathering for it brought together a variety of interest in public affairs and will serve to concentrate the attention of the taxpayers of Vermont on the avenues by which their money is spent.

LOST, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.
Will Germany "forget?" Or will it be as it was with the French on the Place de la Concorde: "Quand meurt-elle?" The illustrated papers indicate somewhat a people's thoughts. Look at them in Germany today! Take only the Illustrierte Zeitung as an example. The slogan is unmistakable: "Verloren, doch nicht vergessen!" "Lost, but not forgotten." Every other picture is of a cathedral, a town, a province, a colony, an isolated piece of "Deutschum" abroad, a school in the Orient. The former German East Africa is called German East Africa. There is no mingling of words, says the Christian Science Monitor. Week by week, the Germans find themselves regaled by illustrated representations of their kith and kin in the East, the Far East, in Poland, the Banat, at Reval, in Transylvania, in China and in Africa, Alsace-Lorraine, and the Saar region. The answer seems to be: Germany does not mean to forget.

A Chicago banker has found to his surprise that from a racial standpoint the Chinese were the most satisfactory depositors. They had the largest average accounts and the bank had never had any trouble or controversy with any of them. They asked no favors that the bank could not grant to its advantage, and they were willing to pay liberally for all accommodations. They worked hard, saved their money, took care of their own people and minded their own business, says the Los Angeles Times. To that extent, at least, they were ideal citizens. They never looted or begged. There are not many Caucasian races represented here of which as much can be said. On the face of the showing made China ought to send a lot of missionaries into Wall street and other centers of wickedness in America.

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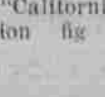
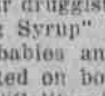
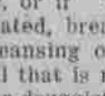
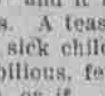
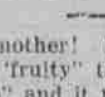
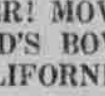
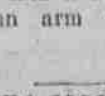
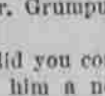
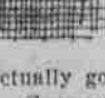
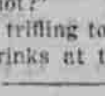
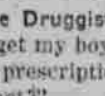
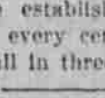
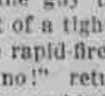
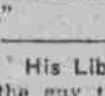
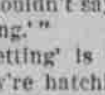
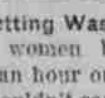
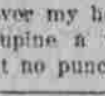
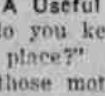
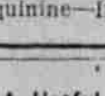
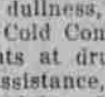
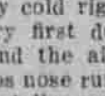
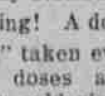
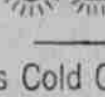
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